siding here has complained. So far as I know there has not been any concrete instance where one has been charged or prosecuted—nobody from our State.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Has the Commissioner made any inquiry? So far as I know there are at least half a dozen cases.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Unless a complaint is received by me why should I make an enquiry?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Does not the Commissioner himself feel the difficulty?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—So far, I have not.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is the Commissioner exempted?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—No.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know what is the matter that they are considering?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Some correspondence with the British Government to see whether an equitable arrangement can be arrived at.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know at what stage the correspondence is?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A reply is due from the Madras Government.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—In the light of the remarks of the Member for Nemmara yesterday, that he had to defend a certain friend of his, will the Government be pleased to make an inquiry in the matter?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We had some representations a few months back and immediately after we received them we took action and we have been constantly reminding the Madras Government. Till now nothing has been definitely heard from that side. We are still reminding them.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—May I know whether the representation was received by the Government and whether it was referred to the Commissioner of Police?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No, I do not think we referred it to him. It is a clear case.

Allotting money for maintenance of Panchayat Roads.

43. **Mr. T. K. Nayar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they intend allotting any more amounts this year towards the maintenance of Panchayat roads as recommended by this House during the Budget Session of 1107?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Wherever possible deficiency in the maintenance allotment is being made up by savings in other items of works.

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School—Perumatti Village.

44. Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there is any school in the Perumatti Village in the Chittur Taluk;

(b) whether the Government consider the desirability of having one school;

(c) if so, when?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) No.

(b) and (c) The question will be considered after the orders are passed on the Educational Survey Report.

Panchayat—Criminal Powers.

45. Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any Panchayat in the State exercising Criminal powers ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—None.

Repair of Roads—Nemmara Panchayat.

46. Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether sufficient funds have been allotted to the Nemmara Panchayat to repair the roads under its control;

(b) whether some of the public tanks under the control of the Nemmara Panchayat require immediate repairs;

(c) if the answer to question (b) is in the affirmative, what is the arrangement now made?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) If funds permit, provision will be made for the works in the 1109 budget.

The Cochin Hydro-Electric Scheme.

47. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the total amount spent by the Government for the investigation of the above scheme up-to-date;

(b) the names of the Engineering experts who have reported on the feasibility or otherwise of the same;

(c) the total amount of estimated expenditure for the scheme;

(d) the power that was expected from the working of the scheme?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—(a) The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 23 of Budget Session of 1107. A further expenditure of Rs. 216—12—0 has since been incurred.

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